MAYBE HE'S RIGHT. MAYBE WE ALREADY ARE THE SAME...

...I'LL BE THE SAME AS SAKAKI?

WE'VE BOTH HAD PEOPLE THAT WERE DEAR TO US MURDERED BEFORE OUR EYES.

WE'VE BOTH SWORN VENGEANCE AGAINST THE KILLER...

IT'S SAKAKI...

WHAT?

RUN...

HE'S WATCHING YOU ...

...FROM FAR AWAY, CANON... WAITING...

NOTHING ...

IF I HESITATE, I LOSE.

I KNOW YOU'RE THERE, SAKAKI...

I CAN'T STOP MYSELF.

CRACKLE

COME OUT NOW.

WHOOM

SHAKE

I CAN'T...

...THINK ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW.

NO MATTER WHAT I GIVE UP...

...THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO.

I HAVE TO...!

...AND I'M THINKING OF ABANDONING MY HUMANITY, JUST LIKE HE'S DONE.

IF RICARDO WERE STILL ALIVE...

...WHAT WOULD HE THINK IF HE SAW SAKAKI AND ME NOW?

SAKAKI'S FATHER DIED...

...PROTECTING ME.

YOUR JOB IS TO KILL ROD.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THAT.

DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'LL BE ABLE TO FIGHT IN HERE...

ALREAD MORNIN OUTSID ...

WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS WITH ROD?

SURELY YOU DON'T INTEND TO JOIN FORCES WITH HIM?

TAK

...TRYING TO SELL ME THAT ?

YOU'RE STILL...

THAT'S WHY I CREATED YOU.

OH, YOU'LL HELP ME, WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT.

SECU-RITY GUARD ...

WHUMP

UNGH !

...BECAUSE YOU'VE NEVER BELIEVED IN ME.

LIES...

YOU MADE *THEM*, TOO...?

EVERYTHING HE TOLD ME...

...WAS A LIE.

LIES TO MAKE ME TRUST HIM.

SHIK SHIK

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO WOULDN'T OBEY MY EVERY COMMAND ...

OTHER SERV-ANTS?

THE VAMPIRES YOU TURNED BACK INTO HUMANS.

OH, YOU'VE ALREADY ENCOUN-TERED MANY OF THEM.

I IMAGINE IT'S BECAUSE YOUR WILL IS STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT.

ALTHOUGH I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT WHAT I ORIGINALLY HAD IN MIND FOR YOU AS MY SERVANT ...

...AND HOW YOU TURNED OUT, ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.

UNLIKE MY OTHER SERVANTS, YOU HAVE RETAINED YOUR SENSE OF SELF.

TO DRAW ROD OUT OF HIDING.

I CREATED THEM TO LET THE "PURE BLOOD" VAMPIRES KNOW OF MY EXISTENCE.

I TOLD YOU ALREADY !

I'M NOT GOING TO HELP YOU KILL ROD !!

IF I LET YOU GET AWAY...

...I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO KILL HIM.

I NEED YOUR POWER.

I'M HERE TO KILL YOU!!!

I WOULD-N'T HAVE FELT ...

..LIKE I DO EVEN NOW.

IT'S TOO ATE FOR ME TO GIVE UP N YOU NOW.

IF I HADN'T BELIEVED IN YOU, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN WITH YOU...

I WOULDN'T HAVE CALLED OUT TO YOU WHEN I WAS ATTACKED...

USING MIST ONLY MAKES YOU SLOWER!

AND *YOU'RE* STRONGER THAN BEFORE.

SO YOU'VE FINALLY GOTTEN SERIOUS ...

SLASH

...TO WHAT I CAN DO!

YES, YOU'VE GOTTEN STRONGER ...

...BUT...

THAT'S RIGHT...

I FIGURED OUT HOW TO BE STRONGER.

IF I'M NOT AFRAID OF HURTING...

IF I'M NOT AFRAID OF KILLING...

...THERE'S NO LIMIT...

...YOU'RE STILL SOFT.

I THOUGHT I GOT RID OF IT...

SWISH

I THOUGHT I STRIPPED AWAY MY HUMANITY...

WHUMP

WITCH

AH...

WHUMP

CRASH!

.....!

HE BROKE THROUGH THE WALL ON PURPOSE...

HA!!!

GRAB

IN FACT, IT SEEMS THAT ONLY A HALF-BREED LIKE MYSELF CAN STAND IT.

YOU WILL COOPERATE WITH ME, CANON, EVEN IF I HAVE TO PLANT "MEMORIES" INTO YOUR HEAD ONCE AGAIN.

...SUNLIGHT !!!

SWISH

SERVANTS, WHETHER THEY'RE CREATED BY VAMPIRES...

...OR LF-BREEDS, ARE ULNERABLE O THE SUN'S RAYS.

TAK

NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, EVEN MY POWER...

...IS NO MATCH FOR THAT 400-YEAR-OLD MONSTER!

IT TOOK ME TEN YEARS TO GET THIS STRONG ...

...BUT THIS IS AS STRONG AS I *CAN* GET!

BUT YOU, YOU'RE THE ONE HUMAN HE *CAN'T* KILL.

THAT'S WHY I USED YOU!

IF IT WERE OTHER-WISE...

YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH, AREN'T YOU?!

YOU DON'T NEED TO USE ME!

IF YOU REALLY WANT REVENGE THAT BADLY, DO IT YOURSELF!

...TAKE THE COWARDLY WAY OUT ?!

SO WHY?! WHY DO YOU ALWAYS...

CLATTER

CRACK!

IF YOU...

IF YOU WEREN'T MY ENEMY...

HOW DO YOU THINK I FEEL...?

...I WOULDN'T HATE YOU LIKE THIS!!

CRACK

IF IT WERE OTHER-WISE...

...I WOULDN'T HAVE TOUCHED YOU!!

I WISH IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE YOU!

IF YOU WEREN'T VITAL TO MY PLAN, I...I...

THIS PAIN...

THIS MISERY...

THIS TORMENT...

SAKAKI ...

... BE-CAUSE ...

I...

WHAM

LET ME GO!!

IT WASN'T THIS HARD...

...WHEN I THOUGHT ROD WAS MY ENEMY.

IT DIDN'T HURT LIKE THIS.

BUT SAKAKI ...

I FELL ...

...IN LOVE WITH YOU...

CANON

CHIKA SHIOMI